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SUBJECT: SECOND TRANS-SAHARAN SHIPMENT

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REFS: (A) STATE 160853; (B) STATE 155210; (C) ABIDJAN 6156;
(D) NIAMEY 1184; (E) NIAMEY 1815

1. REF A ADVISES 1,500 MT SORGHUM HAS BEEN COMMITTED FOR SHIPMENT TO AGADEZ, NIGER VIA ORAN AND WILL BE BOOKED SS FREDERICK LYKES NOW LOADING U.S. PORT WITH TENTATIVE ETA ORAN O/A 8/18/74.

2. REF C SUGGESTS THAT DESPITE QUESTIONS OF PORT CONGESTION, WAITING TIMES AND POSSIBLE INCURRANCE MINIMUM DOLS 4,000 PER DAY DEMURRAGE CHARGES RAISED EARLIER SEPTELS THAT ALGIERS VICE ORAN IS PREFERRED PORT OF CALL FOR LYKES FOR SHIPMENT DESTINED AGADEZ DUE SHORTER TRANSSHIPMENT DISTANCE. AID/W PREPARED TO REQUEST CHANGE OF DISCHARGE PORT FROM ORAN TO ALGIERS DEPENDENT ON CONFIRMATION REQUESTED USINT/ALGIERS PER PARA 3, REF C. HOWEVER, ADDRESSEES SHOULD NOTE DOLS 4,000 GUARANTEE WAS SHIPPING LINE REQUEST BASED ON PRIOR EXPERIENCE ALGIERS AND IT WILL TAKE FAIRLY FIRM ASSURANCE FROM GOA/SONATMAG TO ACCOMMODATE SHIFT

WITHOUT SPECIAL PROVISION.

3. IN ANY CASE, AID/W HAS CONCLUDED FROM REVIEW SEPTELS THAT PORT OPERATION, HANDLING, SNTR PERFORMANCE SUCH THAT SECOND SHIPMENT SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR MOVEMENT TO AGADEZ VICE STORAGE AT ORAN OR ALGIERS. ALTERNATIVE MOVEMENT WOULD BE TO GAO. DECISION OBVIOUSLY DEPENDENT ON ROAD CONDITION; HOWEVER, STORAGE ORAN/ALGIERS OR MOVEMENT GAO DISTINCTLY SECONDARY CHOICES AT THIS TIME.

4. FOR NIAMEY: PER REFS D AND E, IT WOULD SEEM NECESSARY GON/GOA PROTOCOLS AND PRELIMINARY CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE SUCH AS TO ASSURE FAIRLY RAPID CONCLUSION CONTRACT/ARRANGEMENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR PORT/OFFLOADING AND CONVOY REQUIREMENTS. AID/W PREPARED TO PROVIDE USINT/ALGIERS REQUIRED FISCAL DATA AND AUTHORITY PER PARA 4, REFTEL C ON YOUR CONCURRENCE/CONFIRMATION ACCEPTABILITY PARA 3, ABOVE. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON ADDITIONAL NEXT STEPS REQUIRED TO ASSURE AGADEZ MOVEMENT. ADVISE AID/W, USINT/ALGIERS, ABIDJAN AND DAKAR.
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5. FOR USINT/ALGIERS: IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH FUNDING, AID/W ALSO REQUIRES CLOSEST POSSIBLE CURRENT ESTIMATE PORT/OFFLOADING COSTS; TRUCKING COSTS ORAN/AGADEZ AND SIMILAR DATA FOR ALGIERS/AGADEZ. APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE THIS EFFORT.

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